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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 6373

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ADA CASE: FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ

REF: QUITO 6372

1. SUBSEQUENT TO CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, I HAD A BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FURTHER TO FONMIN SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ EVENING SEPTEMBER 26. HAVING REFLECTED UPON OUR EARLIER CONVERSATION, I SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A PURELY PERSONAL SUGGESTION. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSION TO SEND ADA A LETTER, CONTAINING A PLEDGE OF COMPENSATION, INFORMING ADA OFFICIALLY OF THE FORMATION OF THE TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS, AND EXPRESSING THE DESIRE TO TERMINATE MATTER PROMPTLY? VALDEZ REPLIED THAT HE HAD ALREADY TOLD FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES OF OUR DISCUSSION; THAT FONMIN WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED BY VALDEZ AND WAS GOING TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH MIN NATURAL RESOURCES JARRIN; AND THAT HE (VALDEZ) HAD BEEN THINKING OF SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF SUCH A LETTER.

2. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: VALDEZ' REACTION TO APPROACH
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REPORTED THIS AND REFTEL HAS BEEN SUCH THAT I BELIEVE ADA

SHOULD AWAIT THE RESULTS BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. HAVING NOW JUST FINISHED A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR IN THIS SOMETIMES FRUSTRATING, OFTEN UNPREDICTABLE, BUT ALWAYS INTERESTING COUNTRY, I AM ACUTELY AND ALMOST ALWAYS AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTY IF NOT DANGER OF ATTEMPTING TO PREJUDGE OR PREDICT EVENTS. NONETHELESS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTH THE CANDLE TO SEE WHAT EVENTUATES FROM OUR APPROACH TO GOE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON ADA'S DRAFT LETTER SHOULD BE PASSED TO ADA, I RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT STRONGLY COUNSEL ADA NOT TO SEND THE LETTER FOR TWO WEEKS. IF SOMETHING CONCRETE COMES OF THIS, ADA WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION FOR IT AND CAN THEN DECIDE WHETHER TO SEND A (FURTHER MODIFIED) LETTER TO THE GOE. IF NOTHING COMES OF IT, THEN ADA WILL STILL HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO SEND A LETTER MODIFIED AS I HAVE SUGGESTED TO MAKE ITS CLAIM AND POSITION A MATTER OF FURTHER RECORD.
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